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Third A-12 Deployment

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. On 26 May 1967, the third deploying A-12 aircraft

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from [REDACTED] enroute to Kadena AB, made a precautionary pilot option landing at Wake Island.

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3. Project pilot, [REDACTED]

in A-12

aircraft (No. #129) as scheduled at 1740Z (1040 PDT). The OXCART vehicle successfully accomplished a top-off refueling in the [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] special operating area, checked out satisfactorily and continued on the deployment route. The first and second enroute air refuelings were successfully accomplished without any apparent difficulty. Prior to accomplishing the third scheduled refueling over Wake, the pilot experienced an Inertial Navigation System problem (yet undefined) and communication difficulties and, under the circumstances, he elected to implement a pilot option to make a

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25X1A precautionary landing at Wake Island. The pilot landed routinely at Wake without incident and emergency recovery procedures were implemented immediately by the prepositioned Project team sited at Wake for contingency emergency purposes. The aircraft landed at approximately 2203Z (1803 EDT) after an enroute time of four hours and twenty-three for a distance of [REDACTED] Average ground speed from take-off to landing was 1070 knots (1235 MPH).

4. Post-mission landing reports note the pilot's physical and psychological condition as excellent. The in-place Wake support team took immediate action to insure safety of the pilot and the security of the aircraft.

5. Pending further advisories from the Kadena recovery team at Wake, it is presently planned to launch the OXCART A-12 aircraft from Wake Island on 27 May to complete the deployment flight to Kadena.

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